

On the Canonical Line Bundles of some Finite Ramified Covering Spaces of P^n

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In this paper, a finite ramified covering is a generically finite morphism of complete non-singular varieties over the complex number field C . If S is a hypersurface in P^n with only normal crossings and if S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m are the irreducible components of S , one has $\pi_1(P^n - S) \cong Z\alpha_1 \oplus Z\alpha_2 \oplus \dots \oplus Z\alpha_m / (n_1\alpha_1 + n_2\alpha_2 + \dots + n_m\alpha_m)$, where α_i is a small loop around S_i and n_i is the degree of S_i (cf. [4]). Let H_v ($v=1, 2, \dots$) be the subgroup of $\pi_1(P^n - S)$ generated by the elements $vn_1\alpha_1, vn_2\alpha_2, \dots, vn_m\alpha_m$. We study a certain finite ramified covering $f_v: K_v \rightarrow P^n$ such that the induced morphism $K_v - f_v^{-1}(S) \rightarrow P^n - S$ is the unramified covering associated with H_v . This covering was first constructed by Kawai [3], so we call it the v -th Kawai covering of P^n associated with S . Our results are the following.

I) Let S be a hypersurface in P^n with only normal crossings and let K be the v -th Kawai covering space of P^n associated with S . Then for the canonical line bundle ω_K and the Kodaira dimension $\kappa(K)$ of K , one has the following table:

TABLE I

m : the number of the irreducible components of S

d : the degree of S

ω_K^* : the dual line bundle of ω_K

$\kappa^{-1}(K) = \kappa(\omega_K^*, K)$

| [$m > n$] | | [$m = 1$] | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| in case | ω_K | in case | ω_K |
| $m > v$ ($d - n - 1$) | ω_K^* is ample | $d < n + 2$ | ω_K^* is ample |
| $m = v$ ($d - n - 1$) | ω_K is trivial | $d = n + 2$ | ω_K is trivial |
| $m < v$ ($d - n - 1$) | ω_K is ample | $d > n + 2$ | ω_K is ample |

[$n \geq m \geq 2$]

| <i>in case</i> | | $\kappa(K)$ | $\kappa^{-1}(K)$ | ω_K |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| $m > v(d-n-1)$ | $v < m$ | $-\infty$ | n | ω_K^* is ample |
| | $d < n+2$ | $v = m$ | $-\infty$ | ω_K^* is semiample |
| | | $v > m$ | $-\infty$ | n |
| | $d = n+2$ | $-\infty$ | $m-1$ | ω_K^* is semiample |
| | $d > n+2$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | |
| $m = v(d-n-1)$ | $d = n+2$ | 0 | 0 | ω_K is trivial |
| | $d > n+2$ | 0 | $-\infty$ | |
| $m < v(d-n-1)$ | $d = n+2$ | $m-1$ | $-\infty$ | ω_K is semiample |
| | $v < m$ | n | $-\infty$ | |
| | $d > n+2$ | $v = m$ | n | $-\infty$ |
| | | $v > m$ | n | $-\infty$ |

II) If $n \geq m \geq 2$, K admits a fibration $\Psi: K \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{m-1}$ such that for a general fibre F and for $n-m \geq p \geq 1$, $H^0(F, \Omega_F^p) = 0$. Moreover one has the following table for the canonical line bundle ω_F of F :

TABLE II

| <i>in case</i> | ω_F |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| $d < n+2$ | ω_F^* is ample |
| $d = n+2$ | ω_F is trivial |
| $d > n+2$ | ω_F is ample |

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§1. Preliminaries

In this section we introduce multicyclic coverings of complete non-singular varieties, to reconstruct Kawai coverings in §2.

Suppose that there are line bundles $\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_2, \dots, \mathcal{L}_m$ on a complete non-singular variety Y and, for a positive integer v , a surjective homomorphism

$$h: \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{L}_i^{\otimes v} \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}.$$

Let $P = P(\bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{L}_i)$, $Q = P(\bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{L}_i^{\otimes v})$ be the projective space bundles over Y associated with $\bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{L}_i$, $\bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{L}_i^{\otimes v}$ respectively. Then the homomorphism h defines a closed immersion $s: Y \rightarrow Q$, while the natural inclusion $\bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{L}_i^{\otimes v} \rightarrow S^v(\bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{L}_i)$ induces a finite morphism $\Phi: P \rightarrow Q$ over Y , where $S^v(\bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{L}_i)$ is the v -th symmetric tensor power of $\bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{L}_i$. Let Z be the image of Y by s and put $X = \Phi^{-1}(Z)$. Then we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \xrightarrow{i_X} & P & & \\ \phi \downarrow & & \downarrow \Phi & \searrow pr_1 & \\ Z & \xrightarrow{i_Z} & Q & \nearrow pr_2 & Y \end{array} \quad (1.1)$$

We put $f = pr_1 \circ i_X$ and call this f the *multicyclic covering* of Y associated with h . Note that f is a finite morphism. Let $\mathcal{O}_P(1)$ be the tautological line bundle of P and put $\mathcal{O}_X(1) = \mathcal{O}_P(1) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X$. We call the natural homomorphism $\tilde{h}: \bigoplus_{i=1}^m f^* \mathcal{L}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(1)$ the *universal quotient* of the multicyclic covering f . Let $u: W \rightarrow Y$ be an arbitrary morphism of schemes and let $\tau: \bigoplus_{i=1}^m u^* \mathcal{L}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ be a 1-quotient on W . Then τ induces a surjective homomorphism $\bigoplus_{i=1}^m u^* \mathcal{L}_i^{\otimes v} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^{\otimes v}$. If $\mathcal{E}^{\otimes v}$ is isomorphic to $u^* \mathcal{D}$ as a quotient line bundle of $\bigoplus_{i=1}^m u^* \mathcal{L}_i^{\otimes v}$, then it can be easily checked that there exists a unique morphism $v: W \rightarrow X$ over Y such that \mathcal{E} is isomorphic to $v^* \mathcal{O}_X(1)$ as a quotient line bundle of $\bigoplus_{i=1}^m u^* \mathcal{L}_i$.

The homomorphism h induces homomorphisms of line bundles $h_i: \mathcal{L}_i^{\otimes v} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, m$). If it is not a zero-homomorphism, h_i defines an effective divisor S_i such that $\mathcal{O}(-S_i) \subseteq \mathcal{L}_i^{\otimes v} \otimes \mathcal{D}^*$. We call the homomorphism h a *regular quotient* of $\bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{L}_i$ with multiplicity v , if:

- i) none of h_i 's is a zero-homomorphism, and none or only one of h_i 's is an isomorphism;
- ii) each divisor S_i is non-singular, and the divisor $S_1 + \dots + S_m$ has only normal crossings.

If the homomorphism h is a regular quotient, then the multicyclic covering space X is also a complete non-singular variety and the universal quotient \tilde{h} is also a regular quotient (cf. [1]). Let T_i be the effective divisor on X defined by the induced homomorphism $\tilde{h}_i: f^* \mathcal{L}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(1)$. It is clear that $f^* S_i = v T_i$ for every i . Moreover we have (cf. [1])

LEMMA. *Let f , S_i , T_i be as above and let R_1, \dots, R_r ($r \geq 0$) be non-singular effective divisors on Y such that the divisor $R_1 + \dots + R_r + S_1 + \dots + S_m$ has only normal crossings. Then:*

- a) each divisor f^*R_i on X is non-singular;
- b) the divisor $f^*R_1 + \cdots + f^*R_r + T_1 + \cdots + T_m$ has only normal crossings.

To study the canonical line bundles of Kawai covering spaces, we need the following:

PROPOSITION. *Let $h: \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{L}_i^{\otimes v} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ be a regular quotient of $\bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{L}_i$ with multiplicity v on a complete non-singular variety Y , and let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be the multicyclic covering associated with h . Let $\mathcal{O}_X(1)$ be the universal quotient line bundle of f , and let ω_X, ω_Y be the canonical line bundles of X, Y respectively. Then one has*

$$\omega_X \cong f^* \omega_Y \otimes f^*(\mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{L}_m)^{\otimes 1-v} \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(m(v-1)).$$

Proof. We consider the diagram (1.1). Let \mathcal{N}_X be the normal bundle of X in P , and let $\Omega_{P/Y}$ be the sheaf of relative differentials of P over Y . Then we have

$$\omega_X \cong \omega_P \otimes \det \mathcal{N}_X \cong f^* \omega_Y \otimes \det \Omega_{P/Y} \otimes \det \mathcal{N}_X. \quad (1.2)$$

Recall that $P = P(\bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{L}_i)$. Hence we get

$$\det \Omega_{P/Y} \cong \det \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^m pr_1^* \mathcal{L}_i \right) \otimes \mathcal{O}_P(-m). \quad (1.3)$$

Let \mathcal{N}_Z be the normal bundle of Z in Q . Taking notice of the fact that $X = \Phi^{-1}(Z)$, one can check that

$$\mathcal{N}_X^* \cong \phi^* \mathcal{N}_Z^*. \quad (1.4)$$

Recall that Z is a section of $pr_2: Q \rightarrow Y$. Hence we have

$$\mathcal{N}_Z^* \cong \Omega_{Q/Y} \otimes \mathcal{O}_Z. \quad (1.5)$$

Since $Q = P(\bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{L}_i^{\otimes v})$, it follows from (1.4) and (1.5) that

$$\det \mathcal{N}_X^* \cong \det \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^m f^* \mathcal{L}_i^{\otimes v} \right) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-mv). \quad (1.6)$$

Then from (1.2), (1.3) and (1.6), we obtain the desired isomorphism. Q.E.D.

§ 2. The canonical line bundles of Kawai coverings

In this section, we reconstruct each Kawai covering of P^n as a sequence of multicyclic coverings and a blowing-up, and prove our results I) and II).

Construction of Kawai coverings: Let S be a hypersurface in P^n with only normal crossings. Let S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m be the irreducible components of S , and put $n_i = \deg S_i$. The divisor S_1 defines a homomorphism of line bundles $\mathcal{O}_{P^n} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{P^n}(n_1)$. From this and the identity homomorphism $\mathcal{O}_{P^n}(n_1) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{P^n}(n_1)$, we get a surjective homomorphism $\sigma_1: \mathcal{O}_{P^n} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{P^n}(n_1) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{P^n}(n_1)$. The structure sheaf \mathcal{O}_{P^n} can be regarded as $\mathcal{O}_{P^n}^{\otimes n_1}$, so that σ_1 is a regular quotient of $\mathcal{O}_{P^n} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{P^n}(1)$ with multiplicity n_1 . Let

$\phi_1: X_1 \rightarrow P^n$ be the multicyclic covering associated with σ_1 . This is the usual cyclic covering with degree n_1 associated with S_1 . Now by Lemma in §1, we see that the divisor $\phi_1^*S_2 + \dots + \phi_1^*S_m$ on X_1 has only normal crossings. Thus for each $i \geq 2$, we obtain inductively a regular quotient

$$\sigma_i: \mathcal{O}_{X_{i-1}} \oplus (\phi_1 \circ \dots \circ \phi_{i-1})^* \mathcal{O}_{P^n}(n_i) \longrightarrow (\phi_1 \circ \dots \circ \phi_{i-1})^* \mathcal{O}_{P^n}(n_i)$$

of $\mathcal{O}_{X_{i-1}} \oplus (\phi_1 \circ \dots \circ \phi_{i-1})^* \mathcal{O}_{P^n}(1)$ with multiplicity n_i defined by the divisor $(\phi_1 \circ \dots \circ \phi_{i-1})^* S_i$ on X_{i-1} , and the multicyclic covering $\phi_i: X_i \rightarrow X_{i-1}$ associated with σ_i . We put $K = X_m$, $\phi = \phi_1 \circ \dots \circ \phi_m$ and $\mathcal{O}_K(1) = \phi^* \mathcal{O}_{P^n}(1)$. For each i , the universal quotient $\mathcal{O}_{X_i} \oplus (\phi_1 \circ \dots \circ \phi_i)^* \mathcal{O}_{P^n}(1) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X_i}(1)$ of ϕ_i induces an isomorphism $\mathcal{O}_{X_i}(1) \cong (\phi_1 \circ \dots \circ \phi_i)^* \mathcal{O}_{P^n}(1)$ and a homomorphism $\mathcal{O}_{X_i} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X_i}(1)$, which defines an effective divisor \tilde{S}_i on X_i . Put $T_i = (\phi_{i+1} \circ \dots \circ \phi_m)^* \tilde{S}_i$ ($i = 1, \dots, m-1$) and $T_m = \tilde{S}_m$. Then by Lemma in §1, each divisor T_i is non-singular and the divisor $T_1 + \dots + T_m$ has only normal crossings. Furthermore one has $\mathcal{O}(T_i) \cong \mathcal{O}_K(1)$. Therefore each divisor T_i defines a homomorphism $\tau_i: \mathcal{O}_K \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_K(1)$. From these τ_i 's we obtain a homomorphism $\tau: \mathcal{O}_K^{\oplus m} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_K(1)$. For each $v \geq 1$, we can regard τ as a homomorphism

$$\tau(v): (\mathcal{O}_K^{\otimes v})^{\oplus m} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_K(1).$$

In case $m > n$, the homomorphism $\tau(v)$ is surjective. Therefore $\tau(v)$ is a regular quotient of $\mathcal{O}_K^{\otimes m}$ with multiplicity v . Let $\psi_v: K_v \rightarrow K$ be the multicyclic covering associated with $\tau(v)$, and put $f_v = \phi \circ \psi_v$. In case $2 \leq m \leq n$, let $\varepsilon: \tilde{K} \rightarrow K$ be the blowing-up of K with center $T_1 \cap \dots \cap T_m$, and let E be the exceptional divisor of ε . Put $\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{K}}(1) = \varepsilon^* \mathcal{O}_K(1) \otimes \mathcal{O}(-E)$. Then the homomorphism $\tau(v)$ induces a regular quotient of $\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{K}}^{\otimes m}$ with multiplicity v on \tilde{K} :

$$\tilde{\tau}(v): (\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{K}}^{\otimes v})^{\oplus m} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{K}}(1).$$

Let $\psi_v: K_v \rightarrow \tilde{K}$ be the multicyclic covering associated with $\tilde{\tau}(v)$, and put $f_v = \phi \circ \varepsilon \circ \psi_v$. In case $m = 1$, we put $K_v = K$ and $f_v = \phi$ for every $v \geq 1$.

In any case, the morphism $f_v: K_v \rightarrow P^n$ is a finite ramified covering such that the induced morphism $K_v - f_v^{-1}(S) \rightarrow P^n - S$ is the unramified covering associated with the subgroup $H_v \subset \pi_1(P^n - S)$ (cf. [1]).

Proof of the result I): By Proposition in §1, we have

$$\omega_K \cong \phi^* \omega_{P^n} \otimes \mathcal{O}_K(d-m) \cong \mathcal{O}_K(d-n-1-m). \quad (2.1)$$

First we assume $2 \leq m \leq n$. Then we have

$$\omega_{\tilde{K}} \cong \varepsilon^* \omega_K \otimes \mathcal{O}((m-1)E) \cong \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{K}}(d-n-1-m) \otimes \mathcal{O}((d-n-2)E).$$

Put $\tilde{E} = \psi_v^* E$ and let $\mathcal{O}_{K_v}(1)$ be the universal quotient line bundle of ψ_v . Then again by Proposition in §1, we obtain

$$\omega_{K_v} \cong \psi_v^* \omega_{\tilde{K}} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{K_v}(m(v-1)) \cong \mathcal{O}_{K_v}(v(d-n-1)-m) \otimes \mathcal{O}((d-n-2)\tilde{E}). \quad (2.2)$$

It is clear that (a) $\mathcal{O}(E)$ is a non-torsion line bundle with $\kappa(\mathcal{O}(E), \tilde{K}) = 0$. The line

bundle $\mathcal{O}_K(1)$ is a quotient of $\mathcal{O}_K^{\oplus m}$. On the other hand, since the center $T = T_1 \cap \cdots \cap T_m$ of the blowing-up ε is a non-singular subvariety in K , for each closed point $t \in T$, the fibre $E_t = \varepsilon^{-1}(t)$ is isomorphic to \mathbf{P}^{m-1} and (b) the pullback $\mathcal{O}_K(1) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{E_t}}$ of $\mathcal{O}_K(1)$ to E_t is ample. Thus we see that (c) $\mathcal{O}_K(1)$ is a semiample line bundle with $\kappa(\mathcal{O}_K(1), \tilde{K}) = m-1$. Recall that the line bundle $\mathcal{O}_K(1)$ is ample. Then we see that (d) the line bundle $\mathcal{O}_K(1) \otimes \mathcal{O}(E)$ is semiample and $\kappa(\mathcal{O}_K(1) \otimes \mathcal{O}(E), \tilde{K}) = n$. Furthermore it follows from the fact (b) that (e) $\mathcal{O}_K(s) \otimes \mathcal{O}(tE)$ is ample if $s > t > 0$. Finally, from the facts (a), (c) and (d) we obtain (f) $\kappa(\mathcal{O}_K(s) \otimes \mathcal{O}(tE), \tilde{K}) = -\infty$ if either $s < 0$ or $t < 0$. Paying attention to the above facts (a)~(f) and the fact that $\psi_v^* \mathcal{O}_K(1) \cong \mathcal{O}_{K_v}(v)$, one obtains the result from (2.2). In the same manner as above, we get $\omega_{K_v} \cong \mathcal{O}_{K_v}(v(d-n-1)-m)$ if $m > n$. In case $m=1$, we have (2.1). In either case the result follows immediately. Q.E.D.

COROLLARY.*) *Let S be a hypersurface in \mathbf{P}^n with only normal crossings, and suppose $\deg S \leq n+1$. Then given a finite ramified covering $f: X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^n$ which is unramified over $\mathbf{P}^n - S$, one has*

$$\kappa(X) = -\infty.$$

Proof. Regarded as a subgroup of $\pi_1(\mathbf{P}^n - S)$, $\pi_1(X - f^{-1}(S))$ is of finite index. So one has $\mathbf{H}_v \subset \pi_1(X - f^{-1}(S))$ for a suitable v . This implies that there exists a surjective morphism $K_v - f_v^{-1}(S) \rightarrow X - f^{-1}(S)$ over $\mathbf{P}^n - S$, and hence a dominant rational map $K_v \rightarrow X$. Since $\kappa(K_v) = -\infty$ if $\deg S \leq n+1$, we get $\kappa(X) = -\infty$. Q.E.D.

Proof of the result II): Let $\Psi: K_v \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{m-1}$ be the canonical morphism defined by the universal quotient $\mathcal{O}_{K_v}^{\oplus m} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{K_v}(1)$, and let F be a general fibre of Ψ . Then we have the following Koszul resolution of \mathcal{O}_F :

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \longrightarrow \Lambda^{m-1}(\mathcal{O}_{K_v}(-1)^{\oplus m-1}) \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow \Lambda^2(\mathcal{O}_{K_v}(-1)^{\oplus m-1}) \\ \longrightarrow \Lambda^1(\mathcal{O}_{K_v}(-1)^{\oplus m-1}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{K_v} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_F \longrightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

In the same manner as in the proof of theorem in [1], one can prove that

$$R^p(f_v)_*(\mathcal{O}_{K_v}(-t)) = 0 \quad \text{for } p \geq 1$$

and for $0 \leq t \leq m-1$, and that

$$(f_v)_* \mathcal{O}_{K_v}(-t) \cong \bigoplus_{\substack{(j_1, \dots, j_m) \in J \\ (k_1, \dots, k_m, k) \in I(-t)}} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(k - j_1 - \cdots - j_m)$$

for $0 \leq t \leq m-1$, where $I(-t) = \{(k_1, \dots, k_m, k) \in \mathbf{Z}^{m+1} \mid k_1 + \cdots + k_m + vk = -t; 0 \leq k_i < v \text{ for } i=1, \dots, m\}$ and $J = \{(j_1, \dots, j_m) \in \mathbf{Z}^m \mid 0 \leq j_i < n_i \text{ for } i=1, \dots, m\}$. Hence we obtain

*) The author was taught by Prof. S. Iitaka that this can be obtained from the theory of logarithmic Kodaira dimension.

$$H^p(K_v, A^t(\mathcal{O}_{K_v}(-1)^{\oplus m-1}))=0 \quad \text{for } n-1 \geq p \geq 1$$

and for $0 \leq t \leq m-1$. Then from the above resolution of \mathcal{O}_F we get

$$H^p(F, \mathcal{O}_F)=0 \quad \text{for } n-m \geq p \geq 1$$

and

$$H^0(F, \mathcal{O}_F) \cong C.$$

Thus we see that F is connected and hence that Ψ is a fibration. Furthermore since $H^0(F, \Omega_F^p) \cong H^p(F, \mathcal{O}_F)$ for $n-m+1 \geq p \geq 0$, we have $H^0(F, \Omega_F^p)=0$ for $n-m \geq p \geq 1$. Now it follows from (2.2) that

$$\omega_F \cong \omega_{K_v} \otimes \mathcal{O}_F \cong \mathcal{O}((d-n-2)\tilde{E}) \otimes \mathcal{O}_F.$$

Since it is the pullback of an ample line bundle, say, $\mathcal{O}_{K_v}(2) \otimes \mathcal{O}(\tilde{E})$ on K_v to F , the line bundle $\mathcal{O}(\tilde{E}) \otimes \mathcal{O}_F$ on F is ample. Hence we obtain Table II. Q.E.D.

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